

Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School PCO General Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2010

7:00pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 15, 2010 School Library

Attendance: Karen Peterson, Kerry Sweeney Harris, Michelle Jackson, Kristie O'Rourke, Joanne Schaeffer, Anne Gilberti, Lisa Frankina, Rebecca Haggerty, Jean Clark, Lori Clements, Lunie Jacques, Doris Reynolds, Kathleen Hogan and Heather Zolnowski

Administration Update – Heather Zolnowski

☞ Reminder to all about the Pillars in Action night on Thursday, January 21, 2010. This event will have 4 workshops (one per pillar) that will be repeated 4 times in the evening.

☞ Explanation of the new teacher appreciation guidelines for holiday/yearend gifts.

Board of Trustees Update – Lori Clements

☞ The Board is currently working on a few major items.

Lease, Dress Code and Budget

Current lease – current lease ends 6/30/10 –the end of our 3rd 5 year lease period.

Dress Code – need to make it understandable for all

Budget – What will be our reimbursement rate?

President's Report – Karen Peterson

☞ VP spot open on PCO Board next year, 3 member-at-large spots are 1 year terms, all are welcome to join to Board.

Treasurer's Report – Kristie O'Rourke

☞ All line items reviewed using PTO Manager (www.ptomanager.com)

JPCC Update:

☞ The JPCC would like to get a town wide calendar system in place, YMCA-walking bus updates and discussion on teacher gifts (same as Heather outlined earlier).

Committee Updates:

☞ Arts Enrichment – Jean Clark – Ann Broyles will speak to all classrooms. The committee asked if any family would like to host Charlotte Blake Alston in May. Joanne Schaeffer offered to host our visiting storyteller. The Shakespeare & Company visit will be held on April 30th (re-scheduled date).

☞ BoxTops – Rebecca Haggerty – 6W now holds the trophy. Keep sending in the boxtops!

☞ Banking – many students are participating, records numbers.

☞ Fall Book Fair - was very busy at Barnes & Noble (November 20th) we took in 319.27. Once challenge is that the inventory for the teacher's request is not immediately available, so often these are not purchased.

- ⌘ Family Nights – will be Jan 31st. Rink “skate afternoon “ in Franklin. Community service is collecting gently used coats for donation to local charity.
- ⌘ Destination Imagination – 26 children from Charter, making up 4 teams. March 20th tournament at Medfield High School. Wonderful note: In addition to 5 parents team managers, we have 6 parents volunteering to be appraisers at the Tournament. Since we only needed 4 appraisers (one per team), 2 parents agreed to be appraisers for Oac Street School since they were having a hard time finding volunteers.
- ⌘ Restaurant Nights – Ms. Russell and students are working on a Thank-You for Isabella's for its support through restaurant nights.
- ⌘ Teacher Grants - application process will start soon
- ⌘ Yearbook – Doris was looking for ideas for this year's yearbook cover. Many gave feedback about this being our school's 15th year – this may be a cover idea!
- ⌘ Lego League - One of the two teams went onto Regionals. Team was fluid and received high marks for its sportsmanship. NOTE: Leo DaCosta authored and won a grant to support Lego League from CVS.
- ⌘ Shop for Charter – Lisa Frankina – 62 supporters total, 22 of these are new since last quarter.
- ⌘ Teacher Appreciation – still looking for a chair or co-chairs
- ⌘ Spiritwear – last year's items are on sale! See Stacey Flaherty for details.
- ⌘ PCO Grants – Michelle Jackson – first grant has been submitted to the Franklin Cultural Council, we should hear back very soon.
- ⌘ Fall Fundraiser – Jean Clark – We surpassed our budget of \$7,500 by \$1,300. A little crazy at pie distribution, but it all worked out.
- ⌘ Mingle, Jingle – Karen Peterson – We surpassed our budget of \$1,000 by \$300. The vendor feedback was positive and many vendors would be happy to return next year.
- ⌘ Spring book fair – Book fair dates are June 7th & 8th. As these dates near Anna & Laura will be looking for assistance in the areas of cashiering, class assistance and setup.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm